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**Kruger Hints  
At Collapse**

**Admission That the Burghers  
Are Very Near End of  
Their Resources.**

**London Campaigners Bring  
Roberts to Pretoria Without  
Hard Fighting**

London, March 20.—A despatch to the Daily Telegram from Bloemfontein says: "In a speech which he made here a few days before the British entered the town, President Kruger admitted that his men would be unable to keep in the field for another month."

A despatch from Capetown dated Monday says that Sir Alfred Milner and his private secretary left Capetown that evening by a special train. The despatch does not indicate Sir Alfred's destination, and there is a possibility that he is going north on a peace mission.

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Monday says: "Last night the Portuguese authorities hurriedly despatched by special train a force of infantry to reinforce the garrison on the Transvaal border."

The Times commenting editorially upon the report that Germany will ask the belligerents to guarantee the safety of Johannesburg, says: "We decline to believe that any responsible German statesman would make such a proposal. Certainly the government will not make agreements at foreign instigation."

During the pause in the military operations Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, writing in the Morning Post, deals speculatively with possible movements. He says: "Lord Roberts may send one or two strong cavalry columns to move unexpectedly on various points, thus upsetting the Boer plans of defence and rendering possible an advance of three converging forces on Pretoria without any heavy preliminary fighting."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Concession to United States Shippers—Officers in Ranks in South Africa—The Esquimaux Garrison.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 19.—Col. Prior to-day asked for information regarding the garrisoning of Esquimaux by the British Columbia company intended for Halifax. Dr. Borden promised a reply for to-morrow.

Col. Prior was informed that none of the officers in the ranks as privates in the first contingent had been promoted, because Col. Otter had not recommended them.

In the Senate Mr. Macdonald of Victoria drew attention to the refusal of the Americans to make Cape Nome a port of entry. Mr. Mills, the minister of justice, was not able to give any information.

Papers down to-day show that permission has again been granted Americans to carry Canadian goods to Dawson via St. Michael.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a telegram of congratulation to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his speech of last week.

## Mafeking Is All Right.

**So Intimates Under Secretary  
for War Though Present-  
ing No Report.**

**Free State Commandants Make  
Desperate Efforts for More  
Shedding of Blood.**

London, March 20—4 a.m.—The war office has had no news up to this hour confirming the report of the relief of Mafeking, but Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary for war, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the House of Commons, about midnight, smilingly said: "I think it is all right."

The Free Staters seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in considerable force around Smithfield, although much dispirited. A British spy from Rouxville reports that Commandant Oliver and a commando are going to Kroonstad. The agents he left behind are using desperate means to raise recruits, commandeering the Boers under penalty of death.

Kroonstad, where the Boers are concentrated, is surrounded by country of hills and jungles.

Gen. Gatacre is resting at Springfontein preliminary to joining Lord Roberts.

Gen. Buller's hill work before Ladysmith has given him an experience which is about to be used in forcing the Biggarsburg range. It is believed that 25,000 of his 40,000 men are about to engage Botha's force and the next news of fighting will probably be from Natal.

The leaders of the Afrikaner Bond are circulating a petition in Cape Colony asking the Imperial government not to take away the independence of the Boers.

Thirty-two thousand additional troops for South Africa are now at sea.

**CLAIMS FOR SEIZURES.**

British Subjects Reminded That They Have Not Foreigners' Liberty of Trading With Enemy.

London, March 19.—In the House of Commons to-day, replying to a question on the subject of the seizure of the British steamer Mashona, laden with American flour for the Transvaal, by the British gunboat Partridge, Mr. Broderick confirmed the announcement that the prize court had released the Mashona, and added:

"Her Majesty's government does not admit liability in respect to claims of the nature indicated. Claims with respect to the non-delivery of cargo appear to be a matter for settlement between the claimants and the ship undertaking to deliver the goods. British subjects owning goods on a British ship have no right to trade with the enemy, and they are not in the same position as foreign powers."

**ROYAL PATRONS OF SCIENCE.**

Emperor William Presides at Grand Celebration by the Academy at Berlin.

Berlin, March 19.—The two hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Academy of Science was celebrated in the Royal Castle to-day. Emperor William made a speech, during which he paid a tribute to the services of the institution which has received favors from all the Prussian kings. The Emperor announced the creation of a chair of study of the German language and literature.

The scene in the hall was one of great splendor, as amid the fanfare of trumpets the procession entered headed by the high state dignitaries, followed by the Generals and ministers.

**THE PLAGUE IN AUSTRALIA.**

Five Deaths at Adelaide and Still Other Cases Appear at Sydney.

Adelaide, S. A., March 19.—Five deaths have occurred here from what is suspected to be the bubonic plague.

Sydney, N. S. W., March 19.—Another death from bubonic plague has occurred here, and two fresh cases were officially reported.

**SIR GEO. WHITE ILL.**

Capetown, March 18.—Gen. Sir Geo. White, defender of Ladysmith, has arrived here but is too ill to permit of a public reception being given in his honor.

**RAILS IN MICHIGAN.**

Detroit, March 19.—A special to the News from Menominee, Mich., says: "The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has absorbed the newly built Escanaba & Lake Superior railway, owned by Daniel Wells, Jr., of Milwaukee; Isaac Simpson, of Marinette, Wis.; and J. W. Wells, of this city. They will extend the road to Chancel, Mich., forty miles, to connect with the main line."

**BOUND FOR ESQUIMAUX.**

Winnipeg, March 19.—A "naval special" left Halifax on Saturday night with 121 binoculars, 6 officers and 6 non-commissioned officers for Esquimaux.

**A HOTEL BURNED.**

Winnipeg, March 19.—The Cosmopolitan hotel at Medicine Hat was burned today, together with C. H. Evans' store and two other buildings. Loss \$5,000, covered partly by insurance.

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**WHAT DEWEY WON'T DO.**

Washington, March 19.—Lieut. Crawford, Admiral Dewey's secretary, to-day denied the report that the Admiral will make a trip to Europe this summer.

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**CUBA TO EXHIBIT.**

Buffalo, March 19.—William I. Buchanan, director-general of the Pan-American exposition, received to-day a letter from Adjutant General W. V. Richards, headquarters division of Cuba, saying: "The military governor of Cuba, after a consultation with the honorable secretary of war, directs me to inform you that it is decided to have Cuba represented at the Pan-American exposition in 1901."

**COSTLY COAST DEFENCE.**

One Hundred and Twelve Million Dollars Involved in Present United States Scheme.

Washington, March 19.—The fortifications appropriation bill was completed to-day by the house committee on appropriations and reported to the house. It appropriates \$7,094,488 for carrying forward the plan of sea coast defences begun in 1888.

The report outlines the scheme of the coast fortifications contemplated by the Endicott board, which has been followed by congress in the appropriations made since 1888. It is now estimated that this will cost in the aggregate \$112,107,267, of which sum there has been already appropriated \$46,971,013, the war department having received \$20,914,661 and the ordinance department \$25,516,362.

**THE DUTIES OF EMPIRE.**

Americans Have to Feed Half a Million of Their Adopted Brethren.

Washington, March 19.—Adjutant-General Corbin received a cable message to-day from Gen. Davis, commanding the department of Porto Rico, saying that the condition of the inhabitants of Porto Rico was depressing, and suffering was so widespread over the island that he would require at least 500,000 food supplies until further notice in proportions of 4.7 of rice, 2.7 beans, and 1.14 each bacon and cod. Arrangements are being made in the quarter-master-general's department to meet this request as promptly and regularly as possible.

**COEUR D'ALENE DESPERADOES.**

Shoot Two Privates of the Regulars Now on Duty at the Mines.

Washington, March 19.—News of further trouble in the Coeur d'Alene mining district reached the war department to-day in a telegram from Vancouver Barracks, Washington, to the Adjutant-General at Washington as follows: "Commanding officer Fort Sherman reports Privates West Hayes and David F. Hyden, Company M, 24th Infantry, were badly shot in Coeur d'Alene city; suspected parties in arrest; recovery of men doubtful. All quiet there. (Sgd.) Macane, acting assistant adjutant, in absence commander."

**CANADIANS NOT PRISONERS.**

A Number Reported in Hands of Boers Discovered to Be Safe in British Lines.

Ottawa, March 7.—Some time ago a report from a special correspondent of a Montreal newspaper said that a number of Canadians, giving their names, had been captured by the Boers. The relatives and friends of the alleged prisoners in Canada have been very anxious about them, and Lord Minto and the militia department have been doing their best to locate them. A cablegram was received from Sir Alfred Milner to-day, stating that the men were not captured at all. Private Corbouth, of British Columbia, is with his regiment; Private G. D'Orsonnes of Nicolet, Quebec; Private J. Walsh, 6th Fusiliers; and Private James Drake, 63rd Halifax, are sick in field hospital; Private Palmer, R. C. M. L., sick in hospital; Private A. Wall, 16th Prince Edward Battalion, at Belmont; and Fred, Wood, of Ottawa, unknown. The special correspondent said that they were all taken prisoners at Waadereid Drift, but they have now been located as above.

## Many Mishaps To Shipping

**German Steamer Pounds in  
Suez Canal—Wreck Bottom  
Up In Atlantic.**

**Verona of Glasgow the Hitherto  
Unknown Victim of  
Collision.**

London, March 19.—The British steamer Verona, of Glasgow, 2,243 tons, Capt. Hutchison, from Buenos Ayres February 9, for Hamburg, was sunk on March 6 in collision with the British bark Dunstaffnage, Capt. Forbes, from Philadelphia February 9, for Higo, and two of the Verona's crew were drowned. The Dunstaffnage had her stern broken below the waterline, the starboard bow plating from the main deck to below the waterline smashed and a hole made seven feet square. The forepeak filled with water but the bulkhead kept the holds tight and she proceeded to Barbadoes, where she will endeavor to make repairs that will ease the bulkhead and will return thence to Philadelphia.

The collision of the Dunstaffnage was reported at St. Vincent on March 15 with the fact that the crew of the vessel sunk by her, which was not then known, were on board the German steamer Pernambuco from Hamburg February 17 for La Plata.

The British steamer Dartmoor, Capt. Busch, which arrived at Fram on March 15 from Pensacola via Norfolk and which has a heavy list, while trying to avoid a sunken schooner that obstructed her way, collided with the North pier and damaged a hundred feet of it.

The German steamer Verona, Capt. Hansen, from Baltimore and New York, February 18, via Algiers March 8, for Singapore, pounded three times while in the Suez Canal and was put aground at Cabret to prevent sinking. She has six feet of water in her hold and is sinking eight inches hourly. It is thought her bilge keel is damaged.

The British steamer Brantingham, Capt. Moore, which arrived at Havre on March 15 from Mobile, via Norfolk, reports she passed a wreck turned bottom up and awash on February 9 in latitude 45, longitude 25.

**MISHAP ON NEW LINE.**

Four Coaches of First Train Roll Down an Embankment—Passengers Severely Injured.

Montgomery, Ga., March 19.—The first mail train on the Plat system which left here last night was wrecked near Ozaka, resulting in the injury of a number of passengers. Wm. Keller, a commercial traveller from Savannah, is dying as a result of his injuries. Two coaches and two sleepers rolled down an embankment, throwing the passengers in all directions.

**COURTING TROUBLE.**

Dowager Empress Still Encourages Crusade Against Everything Foreign.

Pekin, March 19.—The ascendancy of the anti-foreign party is becoming more pronounced daily. The Dowager Empress appears unable to sufficiently reward the officials who exhibit marked hostility to everything not Chinese. Hein Tung, probably the most bitterly anti-foreigner official of the empire, has been decorated with the three-eyed peacock feather, which had not been conferred for eighty years; the notorious Li Hung Ling, who was dismissed from the governorship of Shantung, on German demand, has been advanced to the first rank, and the former governor Ly Isen, of Shan Tung, has been appointed governor of the Shan Si district, a snub to the powers interested and likely to prejudice British interests in the province as the powers believe his maladministration is the cause of the present state of affairs in Shan Tung.

**FOR AMATEUR GYMNASTS.**

Chicago, March 19.—Information regarding the Greek section of the international contests of physical exercises and sports at the Paris exposition has been received at the office of the commissioner general here. A gymnasium contest will be open to the world with the exception of professionals who have exhibited in public, in circuses and theatres. The contests take place on July 29 and 30, on the bicycle track at the Bois de Vincennes. No gymnasts under 18 years of age will be admitted.



## Sir Wilfrid and Chinese Tax

**Labor Deputation Informed That Government Will Present a Bill.**

**Allen Law Enforcement in Kootenay Now the Subject of Inquiry.**

Ottawa, March 19.—A deputation from the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, consisting of J. A. Flott, Hamilton; E. P. Bremner, of the Western Federation of Miners' Association, British Columbia; G. W. Dower and F. H. Fitzpatrick, Toronto, and H. M. Draper, Ottawa, waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier today. The delegates expressed approval of Mr. Mulock's fair wage resolution and proceeded to deal with the Chinese and alien labor laws. Mr. Bremner urged enforcing the alien labor act in British Columbia. They had no objection, he said, to citizens of the United States coming to Canada on their own account. He quoted from a letter from President Wilson to the labor association at Nelson, dealing strongly with the subject. In respect to Chinamen, he declared it was impossible to do anything with them, as it was part of their religion to be Chinese and to take away from Canada to China everything they earned. He held that an arbitration act should be provided.

The Premier in reply expressed pleasure that Mr. Mulock's resolution was approved of. He said a bill would be introduced regarding the Chinese capitation tax, and they were also carefully looking to the troubles in the Slovan district.

PROMOTION FOR A CANADIAN.

St. John Boy's Appointment as Aide-de-Camp to Gen. Colville.

Ottawa, March 19.—(Special to the Toronto Globe)—Lieut. Col. Otter cables the militia department as follows: "Kimberley, March 6.—Lieut. Col. McLean appointed aide-de-camp to Gen. Colville."

Lieut. C. W. W. McLean, thus honored by appointment as aide-de-camp to Gen. Colville, is the son of Col. McLean, of the 42nd Battalion, St. John N. B. He was a second lieutenant in the 8th Princess Louise Hussars before going to South Africa with the first Canadian contingent. A short time ago, Mr. Frederick Hamilton, the Globe's war correspondent with the first contingent, stated that Lieut. McLean had been given a commission in the Royal Engineers, some of his maps of the battlefields at Belmont and Gras Pan having attracted the favorable notice of Gen. Methuen. Gen. Colville, to whose staff he is now attached, commands the Ninth Division, consisting of the Nineteenth and Twentieth brigades, the Canadians being attached to the former.

THE IMPERIAL COMMONS.

The Applications for the War Loan—Prepared for Any Troubles in China.

London, March 19.—In the House of Commons today the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that the total number of applications for the war loan had been 39,800, and the total amount of subscriptions £33,500,000. The largest application had been for £10,000,000. Applications for £10,000 and upwards would get six per cent. of their application; below £1,000 the assignment would vary from six per cent. to allotment in full.

During the discussion, Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader, said that the Irish members abstained from the discussion they did not favor the budget, as it imposed upon Ireland an additional war tax of over a million a year, at which the conscience of Ireland, he added, revolted. The bill passed its second reading by a vote of 182 to 30.

Being asked a question regarding reports of trouble threatening in China, the parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, said Her Majesty's government had taken and continued to take all necessary steps to protect British interests in this connection. He also denied the story published in the United States that the American government was sending warships to China.

PRETORIA VIA MAFERING.

Indications That Relieving Force Will Be Followed by an Investing Army.

London March 19.—Neither the advance by way of Fourteen Streams, nor Plumer's movement has yet resulted in bringing news of Mafeking.

From Bloemfontein and Natal there are apparently no serious developments, and public interest remains centred in Col. Baden-Powell's force, unrestricted by events of greater military importance.

It appears likely that the converging of the troops towards Mafeking indicates a much more serious purpose than merely its relief. Judging from Methuen's presence at Warrenton, and the capture of the nearby passage of the Vaal at Fourteen Streams, keen observers believe Lord Roberts mediates an advance in force on Pretoria by way of Rustenburg. This might start either from Fourteen Streams or Klerksdorp, and would probably coincide with an advance via Bloemfontein and Natal.

Commandant Oliver has accomplished another step in his retreat from northern Cape Colony evacuating Rousherville and Cape Town, leaving Koonstad, where President Steyn is.

SECOND ROYAL CANADIANS.

Hercher's Command Heard From—In Company with Imperial Yeomanry.

Carnarvon, March 19.—The Canadian Mounted Rifles, under Col. Hercher, and the Canadian artillery commanded by Col. Drury, have arrived here with a contingent of Yeomanry. The presence of this force here has had an excellent effect in the district.

It is reported that a large force of insurgents is in the vicinity of Van Veld.

When that tired feeling comes along, sidetrack it with Jesse Moore "AA," the best whiskey in the land.

## "PAT" SMITH DEAD.

Sad News Received From Dawson by the Steamer Tees on Sunday Evening.

A Dawson telegram received here on the steamer Tees on Sunday evening by Frank Smith, of the Hudson's Bay Co., brought the sad news of the death in the Klondike capital on Tuesday last of his brother, Andrew John W. Smith, familiarly called "Pat." The deceased was very popular in Victoria, particularly in athletic circles, having been for several seasons a prominent member of the senior lacrosse team. He also took part in other athletic sports. His first trip North was made last year, when he went to Dawson by way of St. Michael on one of the Canadian Development Company's boats. Last year he worked on a lay on Sulphur creek, and did so well that he was able to secure a berth on the same boat on and on Dominion. It was to work these that he returned to Dawson last fall, after spending a holiday in Victoria. The last heard from him he spoke glowingly of his prospects, which death prevented him from realizing. Pneumonia was the cause, the telegram which came from J. Herbert Duncan, of this city reading: "Pat died yesterday; pneumonia; buried to-morrow."

The deceased was the fourth son of the late A. J. Smith. His mother and brother Frank reside on Superior street and there are two other brothers, one in Seattle and the other in Nelson. The shock was a particularly severe one for Mrs. Smith, who but recently lost her husband, and is herself just recovering from a severe illness.

At a meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association last evening the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That this association desires to express its profound regret at the sad death of Andrew Johnson W. Smith, one who always took a keen interest in athletic sports, and to tender to his mother and relatives its deepest sympathy with them in the loss they have sustained. Also that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his bereaved mother."

## Seizure of Piles and Ties.

**Lien Placed by Government on Those used on the Crow's Nest Railway.**

**Premier Martin Contends That Timber Royalty Is Owing to Province.**

Acting under instructions from Premier Martin, Mr. W. S. Gore, the assistant commissioner of lands and works, has seized all the piles and ties used in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, on the ground that they were taken from government land without the payment of the usual dues. This will no doubt lead to litigation.

In an interview in respect to the action of the government, Mr. Martin last evening said: "The government received complaints from a number of lumbermen stating that the moment they were suspected of taking government timber they were pounced upon, while the C. P. R. had for a long time been taking from the government timber they desired without right or title and without paying the government dues. I inquired of Mr. Gore in respect to the complaint, and was informed that the government had never been able to make the C. P. R. pay the dues. When asked why the timber had not been seized, Mr. Gore could give no explanation. I thereupon instructed him to have the timber seized at once, and will at once institute an inquiry to ascertain the reasons why it was not seized before. In the meantime if the company have any reasons to put forward why they do not pay the dues like other people, they will have an opportunity of doing so. Otherwise the timber will be seized under the provisions of the act."

"I might add that the timber seized consists of ties and piles, and I have been informed that the company have been taking out immense quantities along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and shipping it to Manitoba and the Northwest."

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GOT A GOOD FIGURE.

Capt. Moore Sells His Interest in the Moore Wharf at Skagway.

The Skagway Alaskan says: "As deals go by Skagway, one of the largest ever consummated was closed this afternoon, involving the transfer of William Moore's 22½ per cent. interest in the Moore Wharf Company's dock. The purchasing party was the Alaskan & Northwest Territories Trading Company, already interested in the property, and the price paid was \$18,000. This price was for the bare interest in the wharf property alone, and does not affect the Captain's interest in the accounts of the business or the townsite. Capt. Moore will immediately prepare for a business trip to Cape Nome, intending to send a loaded vessel from the Sound and go himself by the river route."

NORTHERN WEATHER.

Thermometer Dropped Some Points Below Zero a Week Ago.

They have had another cold snap in the North, the thermometer at Lake Bennett to Dawson, as can be seen by the following report telegraphed from the various stations on March 10: Skagway—Clear, north wind, 5 below.

Bennett—Clear and calm, 40 below.

Tazewell—Clear, calm, cold.

Hootalinqua—Clear and calm, 40 below.

El Barzo—Clear, calm, 40 below.

El Barzo—Clear, calm, 45 below.

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Selkirk—Clear, calm, 45 below.

Selwyn—Clear, calm, 45 below.

Stewart River—Clear, calm, 48 below.

Ogilvie—Clear, calm, 52 below.

Dawson—Clear, calm, 45 below.

He's an absent-minded beggar, And he's gone off to the front, And 'is' cart is true to England to the core; But there's 'eaps of consolation For our boys who left 'em young, For they know 'is' canteen's stocked with 'Jesse Moore.'

## Has Declined Cabinet Honors

**M. P. Gordon of Kamloops Refuses to Become a Member of Martin Government.**

**No Truth in the Reports Regarding Doctors Hall and Watt.**

Mr. M. P. Gordon, of Kamloops, was offered and refused to accept a seat in the Martin cabinet. With this exception nobody, since Mr. Brown, of New Westminster, refused a place, has been asked to join the government, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. There was a rumor some days ago that Dr. Lewis Hall had been asked to help govern the country, and yesterday the statement was made that Dr. Watt, of Fort Steele, formerly member for Cariboo, was coming down in response to a call from the Premier.

Mr. Martin returned on Sunday evening from the mainland, having gone up as far as Kamloops to see Mr. Gordon. He spent a busy day at his office yesterday, with the Lieutenant-Governor, and was up to the Premier's office. Speaking of Mr. Gordon's refusal of the position, the Premier said that Mr. Gordon declined because the men from whom he would expect support had pledged themselves to Mr. Panton. However, Mr. Martin believes that if party lines are declared for at the Liberal convention at Vancouver on April 5, Mr. Gordon will be a candidate in opposition to Mr. Panton.

Mr. Gordon, who has declined a position in the cabinet, is a furniture dealer in the Inland Capital, of which he has several times been mayor. He formerly resided in Victoria and was in the employ of Weiler Bros. and other furniture manufacturers. Mrs. Gordon is the oldest daughter of Mr. Ralph Garthwick, of this city.

That the workmen are to take an active part in the coming struggle is becoming more apparent each day. A number of prospective candidates have appealed to the Victoria Trades and Labor Reform Association for support, but no action has been taken as yet. J. H. Watson, the Vancouver labor leader, says that the labor party of Vancouver has decided to await the action of Mr. Martin and the Liberals and Mr. Carter before taking any action themselves. Mr. Watson said that it was likely, however, that a full labor ticket would be put in the field.

The business men who recently waited on the Lieutenant-Governor to urge him to bring to an end the present unsatisfactory conditions, yesterday received a reply in writing, practically the same as the verbal one already published.

A GRAND DISPLAY.

Beautifully Decorated Windows at Spencer's Arcade—An Addition.

There are few people, men and women included, who will pass the Government street windows of Spencer's Arcade today without stopping to admire them. Never before have there been such windows in any British Columbia city and few on the Pacific Coast—even in the big stores of San Francisco—to surpass them. To-day the spring millinery is to be shown in the most satisfactory manner, practically the same as the verbal one already published.

There are also several immense California lilies that are not artificial, but are two that every woman will wish she had.

Mr. Spencer has this year a much larger room in which to display his millinery. The addition, which has a floor space of 1000 feet, being used so far as this purpose is concerned, is lighted and certainly the best showroom in the Northwest, and he requires it, as this season he has a greater variety than ever, including all the designs of the season.

The proprietor of the Arcade, who is shown in a new little book published by the addition for the millinery department the Arcade can be ranked as one of the largest stores on the Coast.

Good Fishing.—Some fifty fishermen took advantage of the early morning rain to go to Shawinigan Lake on Sunday. They returned with big, small and different baskets, some having none and others as many as 50 fish. Some very good catches were made at Little Shawinigan and Prospect lakes, and some big catches at the Cowichan river, but found the water too high.

PERSONAL.

P. A. Pringle, N.W.M.P., and wife have returned from their honeymoon trip East and are at the hotel.

D. Duggan, manager at Nanaimo for David Spencer, is at the Dominion. He is accompanied by Mrs. Duggan.

Mrs. Byrnes and her daughter, Miss Lily, whose home is in Victoria, British Columbia, who have been spending the winter at St. James hotel, have returned to their home in the city.

During their stay in San Jose, Mrs. Byrnes and her daughter made many friends, who hope that they may conclude to return and reside permanently in San Jose.

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All classes of Canadians make Paine's Celery Compound a family medicine. Our sales of this wonderful disease-banisher are on the increase every week. Paine's Celery Compound never disappoints the ailing and sick.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Lenient Services.—At St. Barnabas church, Wednesday evening, Mr. H. Wallis, of H.M.S. Leander, will produce views of the Life of Our Saviour with an address.

Special Council Meeting.—The mayor and board of aldermen will assemble in special session again to-morrow evening to deal with a quantity of unfinished business, none of which, however, is of a specially important character.

Aiken-Stocks.—At the Maize last evening Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Archibald M. Aiken, of the steamer Earl, and Miss Maude Grace Stocks, of Victoria. The groom was supported by Mr. G. P. Stocks, and the bride-maid was Miss Florence B. Stocks. The couple will make their home at William Head.

Rail to the North.—It is understood that arrangements will be made at an early date by Mayor Hayward for a public meeting in the city hall, in order to afford the citizens an opportunity to hear Mr. J. W. Laid, M. A., on the resources of the interior of Vancouver Island, that gentleman having special knowledge of the subject as a result of the exploratory trip he made a few years ago.

Regimental Order.—The following regimental order by Lieut. Col. Gregory, commanding the Fifth Regiment, was issued on the 19th inst.: "The following orders from general orders is published for the information of all concerned: 'Fifth British Columbia Regiment—To be quartermaster with honorary rank of captain, J. A. Hall, gentleman, to complete establishment.' 24th November, 1899."

To-morrow Evening's Concert.—A programme of exceptional merit has been arranged for the concert in the drill hall to-morrow evening in aid of the Canadian patriotic fund. The admission is 10 cents; on this occasion the season tickets not being acceptable and as the entire proceeds will go to the fund, there is sure to be an immense attendance. The Fifth Regiment band will be assisted by Mrs. J. H. Rickaby, Miss Anita Mounie, Miss Laura Loewen, the Misses Lugin, Mr. A. R. Goward, Mr. Henry Moxon, Gunner Williams and a squad from the Fifth Regiment.

Chinese Reformers.—An enthusiastic meeting of the interests of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, of which Kang Yeh-Wei is the head, was held last evening in the Chinese opera house. The building was crowded with residents of the Chinese quarter, including many of the leading merchants. There were also many of the "young men" from Vancouver and New Westminster, and to judge from the applause and general satisfaction the oratory was much appreciated. Charlie Yip Yen, of Vancouver, occupied the chair, and among the speakers were Leonard Chin, who recently arrived from Yokohama, where he had been in exile for some time. The association is now well organized in British Columbia. On Saturday evening and again last night the visitors were entertained by the Victoria brethren.

The choicest club whiskey is Jesse Moore "AA," and it is in great demand.

DIED.

JONES on 19th March, Ark May, only daughter of Geo. J. and Hattie Jones, aged three months.

The funeral will leave the family residence, 35 Chambers street, on Wednesday, the 21st, at 2:30.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COOK STREET MEAT MARKET.—Edward Cook, proprietor of the above place of business on Thursday, the 16th inst., with a full supply of meats of the first quality, and hopes with strict attention to business, to combine promptness and civility he may obtain a share of public patronage. Corned beef and sausage a specialty.

WILL THE MAN who picked up the five dollar note at the post office at a quarter to one yesterday please return same to this office. If not he will be prosecuted, as he was seen picking it up. Mr. Jones.

RAFFLE FOR Shetland pony, harness, cart, robes, etc., will take place on Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at Bank Exchange, Mr. Jones.

DON'T FORGET the Daughters of St. George social and dance on Thursday evening, in U. W. hall. Admission 25 cents. Sons of St. George cordially invited.

GRAND IRISH CONCERT Temperance Hall, Tuesday evening, March 20th; programme in charge of J. G. Brown; best music in city assisting. Admission 25 cents.

WILLIAM BOND, incubator expert and breeder of standard bred fowls and game birds. Eggs for hatching. Inspection invited. Ross Bay Poultry Yards. Mr. Bond.

WILL THE PERSON who borrowed book, "Identification of the Ten Lost Tribes," with British Nation, please return to James Brown, 180 Douglas street, name on fly leaf, Miss Sharp.

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SONS OF ENGLAND—Alexandra Lodge A.O.U.W., hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday, J. Taylor, secretary.

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JAPANESE LILY BULBS and plants just arrived at Japanese Store on Douglas street.

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## THE WAR.

One of yesterday afternoon's despatches said that judging from Lord Methuen's presence at Warrenton and the capture of the passage of the Vaal near that point, it is the opinion of keen observers that Lord Roberts contemplates an advance on Pretoria by way of Rustenburg. The Colonist expressed the view several days ago that a movement on the enemy's right flank from Warrenton was among the possibilities, but this is not what is suggested above. Rustenburg is between Mafeking and Pretoria, and a long way from Warrenton. From Warrenton to Mafeking is 178 miles by rail, and from Mafeking to Rustenburg, the distance is more than a hundred miles in a direct line. There is no railway. Rustenburg is almost due west from Pretoria and about 65 miles distant by highway. Therefore, if Methuen is going to Pretoria via Mafeking and Rustenburg, he must travel 178 miles by rail and at least 165 miles by highway, or in all 343 miles. He might leave the railway at Warrenton and march across country to Rustenburg, in which case he would have to traverse about 300 miles of country before reaching the environs of Pretoria. But he might take a very different course. From Warrenton as his base he might march up the valley of the Vaal, where the country appears to be favorable for an advance, to Klerksdorp, 140 miles, at which point he would find a railway to Johannesburg, and thence to Pretoria. This would give him less marching from rail to rail than by any other route which he could select.

There was no word yesterday from Buller, but he is probably endeavoring to find a way into the Transvaal which will obviate the necessity of forcing the enemy out of his fortified position in the Biggarsberg mountains. He may be able to do this by going by way of Utrecht, but even then he will have a serious race of hills to cross before reaching the open country in the centre of the Transvaal. The mountainous country with its flanking ridges, which extends north and south behind Ladysmith, and in fact surrounds that town with its spurs, reaches to the most northerly boundary of the Transvaal, and Buller will have to cross it somewhere if he ever reaches Pretoria from the east. The hardest work of all seems to have fallen to the lot of the gallant officer.

The second Canadian contingent is at Camarvon, which town is in Western Cape Colony and commands the highway to Kenhardt, where a rebellion broke out not long ago, which Lord Kitchener was sent to suppress. Therefore, if they see any fighting in that district they are likely to do so under the personal command of that distinguished soldier.

Commenting upon the war Le Temps, of Paris, says that a nation which can create an army of 200,000 men and send it 6,000 miles across the sea in a few months, must have enormous material strength, and it adds: "The like of this was never done before."

## REDISTRIBUTION.

Redistribution of representation is occupying attention at Ottawa just now and will be a still more important issue after the next census. It is also a live question provincially in British Columbia. A disposition appears to exist in both federal parties to take this important subject out of the hands of the legislature altogether and relegate it to a permanent tribunal, which will presumably be non-partisan in its character. We cannot say that we are much attracted by the proposal. It is quite true that there will always be more or less of partisanship shown in any redistribution measure passed upon by a legislative body; but there is a great question if it is not better to run the risk of this than to surrender to an appointive body such a very important function. We must not forget that the people govern in Canada, and it may be fairly claimed that though the popular voice is not always right, in the long run it is about as nearly right as anything else can be. Taking one thing with another it is about as safe to trust to the popular vote as to any other tribunal. Doubtless through an excess of party feeling abuses creep in, but these are usually rectified before much harm has been done. Our neighbors have a saying that "it is always safe

to trust to the good sense of the American people," and though sometimes the claim seems to rest upon a very poor foundation, when we take a large view of the history of that country we are constrained to admit that it is quite as true as most maxims by which the affairs of mankind are regulated. So we think that the good sense of the Canadian people can be relied on to correct anything that has got very far wrong, and we would rather trust to this sense of what is right than to the decrees of any tribunal not responsible directly to the popular voice, in a matter not involving expert knowledge. To our democratic notions, the idea that parliament shall surrender any of its functions is repellant. We have objected to the surrender by the legislature of this province to the lieutenant-governor-in-council of powers which under parliamentary government ought to be exercised by the representatives of the people, and we are not disposed to regard a similar step on the part of the federal parliament with any greater degree of approval.

## UNWISE DELAY.

Mr. Joseph Martin is still marking time, and so is the business of the country. We mean now the commercial and industrial business of the country, not its political affairs. Mr. Martin's hope lies in the division of those who ought to be united in opposition to him. He is a shrewd observer of events, and he realizes as well as anyone else that certain would-be Conservative leaders are playing his game for him.

But what we wish to speak about today is the extraordinary fact that three weeks have elapsed since Mr. Martin was asked to form a cabinet, and he has not yet succeeded in doing so. We may say without disparaging either of his colleagues that neither of them is a gentleman to whom the people of this province would turn in a crisis with any feeling of hopefulness. Mr. Yates is a native-born British Columbia, and represents large vested interests here; but he has yet to exhibit any special fitness for executive responsibility or the discharge of the functions of a minister of the crown. Mr. Smith Curtis is a new-comer to the province, not an objection, of course, but during his stay here it does not seem to have occurred to anyone but Mr. Martin that he was the man to whom the people of the Interior would turn in this grave emergency. How much longer Mr. Martin is to be allowed to fish for colleagues no one appears to know. When spoken to on the subject he treats the matter very lightly.

The Colonist desires to place on record its protest against any further time being allowed him. We do not know that the protest will do any good. Ephraim, as represented by the Lieutenant-Governor, seems wedded to his idol. It seems hardly possible that the Lieutenant-Governor can fully appreciate how his course is regarded by the people or the mischief it is creating. We can tell him that an amount of harm is being wrought that may not be undone in many years. We tell him also that there is a growing feeling of discontent against him personally, which neither he nor any other man can afford to disregard. We do not expect the Lieutenant-Governor to take advice from the Colonist; but we ask him to take note of the fact that we tender him advice to give Mr. Martin his choice between filling up his cabinet instantly or resigning.

## AN ISOLATED RACE.

There is a good deal of speculation as to whether the scientific expedition now wintering in the Antarctic continent shall discover a race of people, who have been cut off from the rest of the world for unnumbered centuries. Very great interest would attach to such a discovery, especially as they would probably represent a race with which we are unfamiliar; but unless they had made much progress in civilization, the discovery of such a people would not furnish much of an addition to our stock of knowledge. Yet there are some lines of investigation which might be pursued with advantage among them. We need not, however, go so far away to find a people who have been long isolated from the rest of mankind. There was discovered last year on a large island in the north of Hudson's Bay a tribe of Eskimos who until about seventy-five years ago believed themselves to be the only people in the world. They were then visited by two Eskimos from land about sixty miles away, the latter believing that they also were representatives of the only people living. The islanders never saw a white man until last year, and had never heard of such people. Their island is a large one, probably three times as large as Vancouver Island. These people are clearly an Eskimo tribe, although they differ in their customs from others of the same race.

The most interesting inquiry which could be instituted among these people would be as to their traditions and their religions. The claim has been frequently made that much of what passes now as aboriginal tradition in America has been colored by the teachings of missionaries as to be quite unreliable. We do not believe this is the case to so great extent as has been suggested. For example, it has been claimed that all the deluge traditions of the Indians are really based upon the stories told by early missionaries, some writers even going so far as to claim them to be due to the Norwegian explorers who visited America centuries before Columbus. It does not seem difficult to expose the fallacy of this claim, but this isolated race of Eskimos may furnish convincing proof on the point. If they have a deluge tradi-

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tion or anything corresponding to it, the discovery will have an important bearing upon the study of comparative mythology.

The views of an "Outsider" are worthy of very serious consideration. We may say that the writer of the letter has chosen a pen name that does not very well describe him. He is a strong Conservative.

We print a summary of the report of the British America Corporation, which enters the list of dividend paying concerns, and discuses its mill mill mill concerns, and draws its profits from its British Columbia investments.

Senator Templeman has heard the call of duty and gone East. If the Senator can secure recognition from the government of the claims of the proposed railway to the north of the island, he will be forgiven many things by his townsmen.

Col. Prior wants to know if British Columbia is to have a cabinet minister. This is a fair question; but as a matter of fact, does anyone suppose that British Columbia would be the least better off with any one of her present Liberal representatives in the cabinet?

A correspondent speaks of "Seminites, Cottonites and Turners." Is this a proper classification of any number of people in this province? Mr. Semlin, Mr. Cotton and Mr. Turner are all gentlemen who have occupied prominent positions in public life and may do so again, but to pretend that they lead three distinct parties is absurd.

We have a letter from Ottawa drawing attention to the fact that the Times referring to the Colonist telegram as to Mr. Tarte's reason for not expending money in Victoria, namely, that it could be used to greater advantage elsewhere, rested only upon the authority of this paper. The authority of this paper is usually very trustworthy, and in this particular instance our correspondent was quoting from Hansard, as the extract from Hansard in Sunday's Colonist showed. We confess to be unable to understand our contemporary's conceptions of newspaper work which lead it to believe that any paper would print a false statement.

When one reads the estimates submitted to parliament, the wonder grows at the shabby manner in which this province is treated. No one would suppose from the amounts appropriated to British Columbia that the people of this province paid four or five times as much into the revenue per capita as the inhabitants of other parts of the Dominion. We know there is a notion that the goods upon which duty is paid here are sold in large quantities in the East. This is not the case. Some goods paying duty here are sent East, but these are offset many times in value by the goods which have paid duty in the East and are sold here.

A correspondent asks if there is any law fixing the time within which a cabinet minister must appeal to the people for election. There is not. There is indeed no law in this province saying that a cabinet minister shall ever be a member of the legislature. We are glad that the question has been asked, because it gives us an opportunity to again point out that "The Constitution Act" is not the basis of responsible government, but only a means whereby the principles of responsible government may be applied to British Columbia. In the Terms of Union it was stipulated that efforts should be made to apply the principles of responsible government to this province, and in pursuance of this arrangement "The Constitution Act" was passed. But whether we have responsible government or not depends upon the people themselves. We have not had it for nearly twenty months, and apparently it is not the intention of Mr. Martin to allow us to have it again very soon. We are certainly not living under responsible government in this province at the present time.

Ghosts would frighten many people who are not afraid of germs. Yet the germ is a real danger. If this microscopic animal could be magnified to a size in proportion to its dimensions it would show like a giant python, or fire-breathing dragon. The one fact to remember is that the germ is powerless to harm the body when the blood is pure. It is far easier to keep the germ out than to drive it out after it obtains a hold in the system. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the most powerful and perfect of blood purifying medicines. It increases the quantity as well as the quality of the blood, and enables the body to resist disease, or to throw it off if disease has obtained a footing in some weak organ. Wherever the digestion is impaired, the nutrition of the body is diminished, for the blood is made from the food which is eaten, and half digested food cannot supply the body with blood in quantity and quality adequate to its needs. For this condition there is no remedy equal to "Golden Medical Discovery." It cures ninety-eight out of every hundred persons who give it a fair trial. When there is constipation, Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Tablets will promptly relieve and permanently cure.

Attend the Exhibition of Spring Millinery at the White House to-day.

## A MINER'S REPLY.

Some of the Drawbacks to Life in Kootenay Hills Pointed Out.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: In your issue of March 10th I saw an interesting interview of Mr. J. Robertson on how the miners live in the great mining districts of the Kootenay, and I would be much obliged if you would allow me to attempt to present the facts from a miner's point of view.

From September 19, 1898, to June 1, 1899, I worked at the Whitewater, a mine in the Slocan, owned by the London and B.C. Goldfields Company, and under the management of Mr. Robertson. During 1898 he generally came up to the mine on Monday and I saw him different times, though I never saw him go underground, and his information about bunk-houses and bath-rooms seemed to be obtained second hand.

If the ladies of the Coast supply literature to the miners, I can assure them that it never gets past the company's office. At the Whitewater we got the old numbers of magazines. They came from Young & Lamont, of Kaslo, and we always understood that we got them through the kindness of Mr. Hill, the company's clerk.

I do not know who was responsible for the board at the Whitewater, but I am glad to say that it was first class, though on fresh milk and other delicacies Mr. Robertson's imagination gets the better of him.

For \$1 a day any mine in this country near a railroad can afford to give first-class board. The Slocan Star once sublet their boarding contract for 80 cents a day and the contractor made a profit.

At the Le Roi, War Eagle and lately at the Payne mine bedding is furnished, but at the others a miner must supply his own mattress and blankets. He finds his own towels, sometimes his soap, and must go to the company's store for toothbrush and a few other necessities, besides an occasional bath for himself.

Boots cannot be bought in these towns for from \$2.50 to \$4, such shoes are very little used underground. Outside of Rossland the average price for miners' shoes is \$5, while long rubber boots cost \$7, \$8 and \$10.

These mine managers have a peculiar way of looking at the sunny side of wages. They talk of the high wages for machine men and forget to say that there are very few machines used in the Slocan country. I think Mr. Robertson was thinking of the Montezuma mine when he spoke of men working for shares. In that mine men worked for half shares, half money. It is needless to add that today the shares are practically worthless. Men working in the Payne or other big dividend payers get few chances to take shares in payment.

It is nonsense to talk about a young man working eight or ten years in one of the mines and thus acquiring a capital of from \$5,000 to \$8,000. Men cannot stand it. Outside of the isolation of their lives and the monotony of their daily routine the work in wet places, in bad air, and dangerous ground, is so detrimental to their health that out of an average of one hundred men, Charlie Starr and myself were the only ones who lost no time through sickness or other causes during that eight months and a half. As the boys say, the trail was kept warm with men coming to and leaving that mine.

If these men wonder why the best miners leave this country the reason is not far to seek. In the Coeur d'Alene the wages are \$3.50 per day. In Butte, Montana, every man underground is paid \$2.50 a day for eight hours, and the same wages are paid in the Republic mine in Washington. It seems strange that the Canadian owners of the Republic mine are content to pay that wage there, while in their own country their great ambition is to grind the miners down to starvation wages.

Personally, I feel sure that if the Whitewater had met their men in a reasonable spirit the men would have worked right along. But nothing was said to the men. Notices were posted up announcing the reduction in wages, and to crown all, Mr. Alexander, of Kaslo, who had been appointed Slocan manager for the London and B.C. Goldfields Company, commenced to issue time-checks, payable in Kaslo, and notified the Whitewater merchants not to cash those time-checks. "Time-check No. 1 was a peach, two dollars and some cents. We figured that it would take the man two days and cost him over \$5 to get it cashed. Then we organized."

Mr. Robertson speaks in very general terms. He gives no instances. He forgets about the deep snow and the loneliness of those steep mountain sides. He says nothing of the snowslides. On the 11th of last June he did not see a man's body dug out of the Noble Fire snowslide, where it had lain six months. The other day a slide in the same place caught three men, two of them being killed and the other badly injured. Every winter since the Slocan was settled the snowslides have claimed their victims. There may be sunshine, but there are also shadows in a miner's life, and while I think the miners and the miners' unions of this country have made mistakes, I cannot see why the mine owners should have acted so high handed as they have for the last year.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that you will have the fairness to publish this, and thank you in advance for anticipated space.

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## VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Tuesday, Mar. 20.		Wednesday, Mar. 21.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
4:10 a.m.	8.3 feet.	4:30 a.m.	8.3 feet.
11:30 a.m.	3.4 feet.	12:10 p.m.	3.2 feet.
6:50 p.m.	8.6 feet.	7:40 p.m.	8.0 feet.
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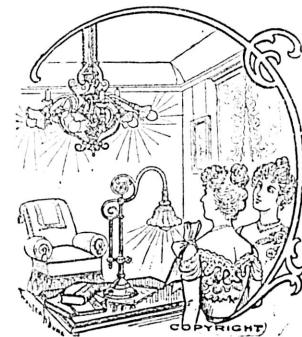
## LOCAL NEWS.

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A Slight Blaze.—Chief Deasy and his men had a run yesterday morning to the residence of James Cummings, who occupies a cottage on Kane street. A small roof fire did but slight damage.

Social and Dance.—The Daughters of St. George have completed arrangements for their social and dance to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday evening. They are a good caterer, and those attending are assured of a pleasant evening.

A Memorial.—At a general meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association held last evening the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, That a memorial to the late W. I. Scott, in the nature of an enlarged photograph with a plate underneath bearing a suitable inscription, be obtained and placed in a prominent place in the club house."

Child's Death.—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Courtney, of Cadboro Bay road, are mourning the loss of their little son, Jack Everett, which occurred on Saturday evening. The little one was just eleven months old. The funeral took place yesterday, the casket being buried beneath a wealth of flowers, tokens of sympathy from Mr. and Mrs. Courtney's many friends.

Slightly in Error.—The Illustrated London News of March 3 contains what is alleged to be a photograph of "The Pick of British Columbia," one of a series illustrating the departure of the second Canadian contingent. All of the faces are strange ones to Victorians, and in fact no British Columbians were chosen in the second contingent.

Busy Session.—Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their regular meeting received applications for membership and initiated candidates into the order. The court have decided to join in with the Companions of the Forest in holding the annual Primrose ball on April 19. After close of business at the next meeting of the court, on the 28th, the quarterly banquet will be held.

Natural History Society.—At the annual meeting of the Natural History Society held last night the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Newcombe; vice-presidents, Messrs. Deans and Anderson; secretary and corresponding secretary, F. Napier Denison; treasurer, Carl Lowenberg; librarian, F. Sylvester; and curator, Mr. Hastings. Interesting reports were read by members representing the various scientific sections upon the work done during the past year. So many new members have joined the society that their present comfortable quarters are becoming quite inadequate.

Patent Report.—According to an abstract from the United States Patent Official Gazette for the week ending March 6, handed in by Messrs. Theteway & Britain, 454 patents were issued to citizens of that country: Austria-Hungary, 1; Belgium, 1; Canada, 4; Great Britain, 27; France, 5; Germany, 15; Italy, 1; Netherlands, 1; Newfoundland, 1; Norway, 1; Russia, 1; and Victoria, 2. One hundred and forty-two of the above were assigned to manufacturing firms and others to the grant of the grants were made. Trade marks registered during that week were as follows: Citizens of the United States, 50; Austria-Hungary, 1; Great Britain, 4, and France, 2.

Irish Concert.—The Irish concert to-night in Temperance hall promises to be an especially fine affair and will no doubt be patronized by every son and daughter of the Emerald Isle who can possibly attend, besides the many admirers of Irish music. There will be plenty of fun and frolic, as well as pathos, judging from the names of those assisting, including such well known performers as Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Giffin, the Brothers Richardson, Benedict Bantly, Stewart, Cave and Brown. Those intending to be present should go early, as no tickets have been sold, the motto being first come first served. Mr. A. G. McCandless, a prominent and patriotic son of Erin, will occupy the chair.

Stereopticon Lecture.—To-morrow evening, under the auspices of the International League, the Rev. J. C. Speer will give a stereopticon exhibition in the Metropolitan Methodist schoolroom, commencing at 8 p.m. Over fifty views will be presented, including the Queen, Royal family, Lord Roberts of Kandahar, Sir Redvers Buller of Ladysmith, and other famous and several other notable personages before the public at present. Some beautiful scenery will also be shown, varying from Alaska to the Equator. Among these may be mentioned a trip from Victoria to Dawson and scenes in the Sierran, made famous by Gordon and Kitchener. An interesting and instructive entertainment is assured.

Fight Reproduced. Manager Jamieson of the Victoria Theatre has by special arrangement with Messrs. Wm. A. Brady and Thos. O'Rourke succeeded in obtaining, beginning Friday evening the famous pictures of the Jeffries-Sharkey contest, just as it occurred. Much has been written about the perfection of these pictures, but the imagination scarcely conveys the vivid and thrilling they are in the way of realism. The movements of the pugilists, their feints, their blows, their parries, their advances and retreats, are shown as clearly as if one was at the ringside. The exhibition is said to be extremely fascinating. Wherever these pictures have been shown, they are said to have created the greatest excitement. So deep is the interest, that applause follows the movements of the gladiators, and there are shouts of approval, reminding one very much of some scenes at the actual contest. Manager Jamieson is consequently arranging matters so as to be prepared for the rush that is sure to take place at the Victoria Theatre on Friday and Saturday evenings.

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## Getting Ready For Summer

Arrangements for the Opening of Navigation on Upper Yukon.

Expected That Ice Will Be Out by Mid-May—Marine Notes.

The steamer Tees, the most popular steamer in the Alaska trade, reached Victoria, her home port, on Sunday evening, after a very pleasant trip to and from the Gateway City. She brought down but twenty passengers, and all of these from Skagway, there being few if any travellers from the interior at present. There is, however, quite a movement towards Dawson and Nome, some going over the ice, but the majority waiting for the opening of navigation. Speaking of the arrangements for the coming season the Skagway Alaskan says: "With the spring months at hand and winter in the background, transportation men of the Upper Yukon are beginning to prepare for the next open season. The advance guard is coming north and some have already reached Skagway en route to the interior to put vessels in repair for the next season's operations. Co-incident with the revival in the steamboat circles of the region, is a noticeable activity in anticipation of the barge and bateau travel down the Yukon. Several of the interior sawmills are getting out or preparing to get out material for the prospective demand by barge builders. Men who will take freight by barge or steamer from Lower LaBarge are also beginning to arrive in Skagway and to move on to that point with supplies, and word comes of parties now building barges on the shores of LaBarge.

"Capt. Cox, of the steamer Sibyl, arriving from Victoria yesterday, en route to Hootalinqua to put the Sibyl in condition for the summer. The captain is accompanied by his mate, two engineers, a cook, a watchman and two deck hands. The skipper expects the river to open about May 15. The Sibyl, he announces, will run between Clatskanie and Dawson just as fast as it moves out. "A contract pointing to the prospective time in the eyes of experienced men as to when the Upper Yukon will open has just been closed by the management of the steamer Florence with White and Adair. The Florence people have agreed to take ten tons of freight from near Hootalinqua, and to have it laid down in Dawson by May 15. They will take it on the Florence. The steamer is in winter quarters near Hootalinqua, and so in a position to follow the ice down the Yukon just as fast as it moves out. Mr. Brady has contracted to take the freight from Bennett to Hootalinqua over the ice.

"White & Adair have thirty tons of goods on cars in Skagway which will be moved to Bennett in three or four days. It will be taken from Bennett to Dawson over the ice in 62 sleds, drawn by 31 horses. J. W. Heffner arrived in the city several days ago en route to Lower LaBarge to build scows in which to take freight to Dawson with the opening of the river. Otto Partridge, who arrived several days ago from his mill at Mill Haven, on Lake Bennett, reports he has already begun the construction of scows for lake and river use this season and is the only one that did not close down. The Victoria-Yukon Trading Company has begun to prepare for a lively season of milling and saw building, and is opening its lumber camps about Bennett. Duncan Little and Frank Scott have been at Lake Marsh two months whipsawing lumber to build a scow which will be taken down the Yukon to Nome at the opening of the river.

## MONTH'S SHIPPING.

Freight and Shipping of Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. for February.

In their freight and shipping report for February, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. Ltd., say: "There has been considerable business in grain chartering during the past month, both from San Francisco and northern ports, and, as the grain is still very large, the tonnage is right, the prospects are strongly in favor of continuance of the high rates, now ruling, for some time to come. The demand for lumber carriers is increasing, and vessels for early loading are still unobtainable. Rates have advanced about one-third all round over last month's figures."

## MARINE NOTES.

Movements Recorded Among Vessels Along the Waterfront.

United States Consul Dudley, of Vancouver, has received a ruling from Washington to the effect that no more American goods will be allowed to be shipped from British Columbia ports to Skagway in Canadian bottoms without the payment of duty.

Norwegian bark Crown Prince, which is under charter to sail from Punta Arenas, for Victoria, has not yet arrived at the former port from Penarth, Wales, and is re-insured at 30 per cent.

British ship River Falloch, one of the British Columbia salmon fleet, was spoken on March 6 in latitude 33 N., longitude 44 W.

Steamer Queen arrived last evening from San Francisco with a good freight and passenger list. The City of Puebla goes south to-night. The steamer Victorian will arrive at Brackman & Ker's wharf, and leave from the inner wharf to-day. Ship Champion, 18 days from Honolulu, arrived in quarantine yesterday. She is seeking.

Lecture on the War.—A lecture will be given on Thursday evening by Archdeacon Scriven at the Sir William Wallace hall, in aid of the Y. W. C. A. The subject of the lecture will be "The War in South Africa." Mr. H. Wallis, of I. M. S. Leander, will illustrate the lecture with lime-light pictures.

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Saturday's Fire.—A careful survey of the damages resulting from the destruction by fire of Saturday afternoon last of the hide-drying establishment, conducted by J. Sumner at Rock Bay, shows that the loss will not exceed \$5,000, which is covered by insurance.

A Promising Vocalist.—The congregation of Sunday morning last at the Metropolitan church had the pleasure of enjoying two well chosen solos by Miss Clara Spray, a pupil of Mme. Bertha Celvello, and whose musically performance in "The Chimes of Normandy" last season was very favorably commented upon by the newspapers of Puget Sound. Miss Spray, who will be visiting in Victoria until next Friday, will be leaving shortly to complete her vocal studies under the best masters of Paris and Milan, preparatory to entering upon a professional operatic career.

Affliction's Heavy Hand.—The hand of affliction has been laid very heavily of late upon the family of Mr. Allen L. Ashwell, of this city, the news of the accidental death of a younger and favorite brother having been followed yesterday from Strathroy, Ont., acquainting him with news of his father's death, which occurred last Saturday afternoon, or just one week from the day that the son and brother had been buried. The late Mr. George Ashwell, the father, was one of the pioneer business men of the Ontario town which he had made his life-long home. A gentleman of retiring disposition, marked devotion to his family and church life, kindness and sincerity in all his dealings, he filled a worthy place in the town life of that small community on the Sydenham that has given so many eminent public men to Canada. Mr. Ashwell had been failing for some time, but a serious termination of his illness was not anticipated. The shock of his son's death was doubtless largely responsible for his sudden demise.

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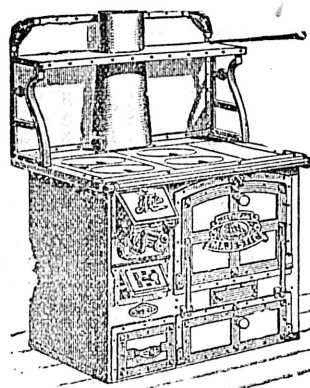
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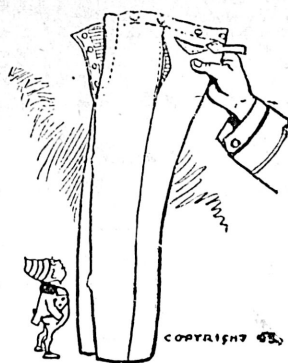
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## Deliberations Of Aldermen.

Considerable Quantity of Business Transacted at Last Evening's Session.

Vote for Harbor Borings Passes—Contract for the Pumping Station.

A large mass of business was dealt with at yesterday evening's meeting of the board of aldermen, and a quantity being unfinished, it will be necessary to hold a special session to-morrow evening. The matters of importance outside of routine business were the award of the contract for the new pumping station at North Dairy Farm, the question of the appropriation for harbor borings and the clause in the expenditure by-law making the customary grant of \$550 for expenses in connection with tax sales held by the city.

R. Dinsdale was the lucky one out of eleven tenders for the construction of the pumping station, his figure being \$5,117, the lowest; the highest was that of William Boddy \$7,297. The report of the special committee recommending the appropriation of \$1,630 for the purpose of making harbor borings elicited warm discussion, but the item finally passed.

There were present His Worship, Mayor Hayward, in the chair, and Aldermen Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Brydon, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates and Cooley.

Premier Martin forwarded the following communication:

Attorney-General's Office,  
Victoria, B.C., 13th March, 1900.

W. J. Dowler, Esq., City Clerk, Victoria, B.C.

Sir: I beg to draw your attention to the following facts, for the information of the mayor and council of the city of Victoria:

On the 28th January last an order in council was passed appointing Mr. Alexander Stewart and Mr. J. B. Lovell members of the Licensing Board. On the 1st February last an order in council was passed appointing Alexander Stewart and John Percy members of the police commissioners' board. The special Gazette issued on the 28th January shows Messrs. Stewart and Lovell as license commissioners; the Gazette of the 1st February shows Thomas A. Brydon and J. B. Lovell as license commissioners, and Alexander Stewart and John Percy as police commissioners. I understand from the provincial secretary's department that Mr. Stewart has never been notified of his appointment as license commissioner, but only as police commissioner. I also understand that Mr. Brydon has been notified that he has been appointed a license commissioner, and that he has since resigned that position. From this

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I write this letter for your information, as the very peculiar action of the late government has left your council under a misapprehension as to what was really done in the premises.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH MARTIN,  
Attorney-General.

The letter was received and filed. Ex-Mayor Redfern wrote expressing thanks for the sympathetic action of the council in his late bereavement.

F. P. Pemberton addressed the board, complaining that a fine oak tree on the corner of Moss street and Oak Bay avenue had been injured, presumably by the telephone company. He thought it well to conserve the natural beauties of the place.

Ald. Williams moved that it be received and filed and a copy forwarded to the manager of the telephone company.

The Mayor suggested that it be handed to the city engineer for report.

Ald. Stewart, who seconded the motion, said the tree injured on the sidewalk and was not much injured.

Ald. Beckwith agreed with the Mayor's suggestion. There were a number of trees in many places in the city which interfered with pedestrians on the sidewalks.

Ald. Williams' motion carried. Swinerton & Oddy wrote offering the old agricultural hall property at Beacon Hill as a site for the Old Men's Home—the price being \$4,250, or perhaps more favorable terms could be arranged.

A motion by Ald. Yates that the offer be referred to the Home committee carried.

The committee on preliminary investigation into the Sorby scheme reported in accordance with the decision of the joint committee meeting, reported in another column.

Ald. Kinsman was not in favor of making the appropriation for harbor borings. "It looks as if the city is trying to waste money," he thought, "they might wait for the borings until the Sorby scheme is going to be carried out."

Ald. Beckwith said the committee was unanimous on the question of the appropriation.

The report was received and adopted. Aldermen Kinsman, Williams and Stewart voted in the affirmative.

Tenders for boilers, engines and pumping station were then taken up.

Before opening them Ald. Yates thought it well to defer action for a while, as the specifications might have been altered. He understood that the tenders for boilers did not comply with the provincial requirements. He did this on the authority of the provincial boiler inspector.

Mayor Hayward read a letter from R. E. Seabrook, of the Albion Iron Works, who asked that the time for receiving tenders be extended, as, through a misapprehension he had failed to get his tenders in until 5 p. m., and the time expired at 3 p. m.

Ald. Stewart spoke in favor of opening none but tenders for the building.

The board decided to receive the communication and lay it upon the table, to be taken up later.

Tenders for the pumping station at North Dairy Farm were then opened, and were as follows: John G. Brown, \$5,812; William Boddy, \$7,297; Albert Pike, \$6,025; George Bishop, \$5,594; H. T. Knott, \$5,590; M. Hummer, \$5,412; Elford & Smith, \$7,200; R. Dinsdale, \$5,117; George H. Moore, \$8,100; J. J. Campbell & Co., \$6,150; James Baker, \$5,609.

On motion of Ald. Stewart the contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer, Robert Dinsdale, whose figure was \$5,117.

Electric Railway & Lighting Company, offered on behalf of his company to supply the city with arc lights for Victoria West. The communication was received and filed.

Ald. Cameron saying that the city has ample power, the only difficulty being that the plant is being moved, causing some inconvenience.

Frank H. Eaton, secretary of the board of school trustees, enclosed a resolution passed by the board asking the city to grant them the use of the old fire hall as a committee room.

Ald. Beckwith moved that the request be granted, and the motion, being seconded by Ald. Kinsman, carried.

Edward Rugg applied for the position of inspector of the new buildings to be erected as a pumping station.

Applications for the position will be called for up to Monday next, if it is found necessary to have an inspector.

Mrs. H. T. Bernard complained of the treatment she had received from the police-keeper when meeting him on the street—his excited horse frightening her.

Referred to the Mayor for action.

were paid twice, and this had not been done in this instance.

Ald. Stewart concurred in this idea. The report was adopted.

The fire wardens reported recommending several minor improvements in the departmental apparatus. Received and adopted.

The fire wardens also submitted a report favoring the purchase of lots owned by John Deans in Victoria West at \$7,000, a sum somewhat less than Mr. Deans asked, and asking to be allowed to recommend other lots if the city's offer be refused.

Adopted. The streets committee reported as follows: Gentlemen: Your committee having considered the undermentioned matters beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re petition of A. J. Pines and others respecting the condition of North Chatham street between Belmont avenue and Stanley avenue: Your committee recommend, in view of the expenditure involved, that the work be not undertaken at present.

Re extension of sewer on Melhian street, between Meunies and Oswego: Your committee recommend that this matter be laid on the table until the question of sewer extension in general is considered.

Re communication of C. W. Jones and Finlayson estate drain: We recommend that this matter be laid over for the present.

Re Speedy avenue drain: This work has already been ordered to be done.

Re water troughs: We recommend no action at present.

Re cement machine: We have to report the purchase of this machine. We recommend that this matter be referred to the city engineer, to repair the sidewalk out of maintenance fund.

Re sidewalk Esquimalt road (north side), 460 feet: We recommend that this sidewalk be laid.

Re express wagon for street cleaning purposes, etc.: We recommend that the suggestion of the city engineer be carried out, and the wagon or cart be purchased.

Re sidewalk grading on Government street (east side), between Courtney and Humboldt streets: We recommend that this matter be referred to the city engineer, and the city solicitors for estimate as to the cost of removing all rock in order to grade the sidewalk and to the sidewalk grade on the lots abutting on the street, and for the opinion of the solicitors as to the position of the council as to the grading of the sidewalk and abutting properties.

Ald. Williams moved the adoption of the report. He wanted to know if the city is in the position to go on with the paving of Government and Yates streets. The report was adopted.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$908.17. Adopted.

Ald. Cameron brought up the question of a sidewalk for Craigflower road, Victoria West. The city engineer had said he was instructed not to do anything with the portion complained of.

The Mayor was unaware of any instructions to that effect.

Ald. Beckwith said the portion from Esquimalt road to St. Cather street was alluded to in a previous report of the committee, and it was recommended that no action be taken.

The matter was not further dealt with. Mayor Hayward informed the board that the owner of the two condemned shacks in Chinatown had called upon him and was perfectly willing to have them burned down.

It was decided to have the regulations carried out.

The report of the finance committee recommending the appropriation of \$1,630 for borings in connection with the Sorby scheme was submitted.

Ald. Brydon suggested that it be amended to read "or such additional sum as may be necessary."

Ald. Cameron said that inasmuch as the Sorby scheme had been practically condemned by the special committee, the question arose as to whether the money for borings could not be used to better advantage, and as to whether the council had any legal right to go on with the matter when the Sorby scheme is thus put aside?

Ald. Yates said it was the idea of the committee who made the report that the borings would prove valuable anyway to the city, as ascertaining the condition of the harbor. He thought the money would be well spent.

Ald. Stewart thought under the present circumstances the city should not spend another cent.

Ald. Beckwith said Mr. Sorby, as soon as he got to Ottawa, was confronted with the question, "What has Victoria done for herself in this matter?" And he thought the appropriation should be made.

Ald. Kinsman, as far as he could see, was of the opinion that the Sorby scheme had been killed. It appeared to him the city must have a good deal of money when they proposed to throw it in the harbor.

Ald. Cooley wanted to know in the case of the borings being done, whose plans would be used?

Ald. Brydon thought the matter was now in every way free of the Sorby scheme, but he thought it money well spent, and would like to see the money voted.

Ald. Yates thought Ald. Cooley had raised an important point. If Mr. Sorby's plans were used they might have to be paid for. He moved that the report be adopted, subject to the stipulation that the use of Mr. Sorby's plans be given free of charge.

Ald. Kinsman thought this hardly fair

on Mr. Sorby. He had been put to great expense in this matter.

The motion carried. The council then went into committee of the whole on the expenditure by-law.

The considerable discussion ensued on the clause permitting the city assessor to collect 5 per cent, for conducting tax sales.

Ald. Williams made a strong protest against the continuation of the system, claiming that some property holder should not be called upon to pay this 5 per cent. Ald. Brydon was of the same mind and did not approve of the idea of the city official being given this 5 per cent. He did not believe in "crowding the poor man when he was down."

Ald. Kinsman also did not think the charge a just one. If Mr. Kent had not sufficient salary it ought to be raised.

Ald. Yates thought the city's right to collect the sum of 5 per cent. was quite clear.

Ald. Cameron was not opposed to Mr. Kent receiving these sums. He does not receive it all—his assistant getting part of it. He thought the item appropriating \$550 should stand.

The vote being reconsidered, the amount of \$550 was allowed to stand. The council then adjourned.

## AN INNOVATION.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Urges the Introduction of the Bible Into the Public Schools.

On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell in First Presbyterian church gave a lecture on the duty of parents to their children from the text: "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." He said that man had a religious as well as an intellectual nature, and it was the duty of parents to see that the religious as well as the intellectual was cultured. This culture could be effected so as to lead to upright new and usefulness only by education in the truths of the Bible, without which society would bring about its own destruction. While religious education in a measure belonged to the church and to the home it did not exonerate the state if it undertook education from obligation to the rising generation in the truths of the Word of God, for most received all their education in the public schools, which must be religious or irreligious, and if Christianity were shut out the education must necessarily be irreligious. If the people of this country were to be Christians, and the schools belonged to the people, the schools should be Christian, for they were paid for by the people's money, and it was unreasonable for the law to declare that the principles of Christianity should not be taught in these schools, and the schools belonged to the people. Should a man open a school and support it with his own money he may shut out the principles of Christianity, but it is preposterous for the law to do so from public schools which are supported in a Christian country by the money of those who are Christians. This is just the condition of things in Canada. Christianity is ignored and atheism is recognized. The reflection often made that our "public schools are godless," and made so by a law framed by the representatives of Christianity is true, and the astonishing thing is that most of the Christian community think that it would be wrong to introduce the Bible into their own schools, schools supported by their own money.

Dr. Campbell earnestly entreated parents to be jealous of the education in religious lives of their children, in the home, by the church, and in the schools, especially the primary public schools of the province of British Columbia.

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## MARINE NOTES.

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Steamer Queen City sailed for Northern British Columbia ports last evening and the Boscowitz goes to-night. Both have heavy cargoes and many Chinese for the Northern colonies.

Steamer Amar will not be back from Skagway for a week. She took up a load of rails for the White Pass & Yukon route, which it will take some time to unload.

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## PICTURES OF THE BIG FIGHT.

How Science and Enterprise Combined to Produce the Latest Entertainment Marvel.

The success of the Jeffries-Sharkey contest pictures to be exhibited at the Victoria theatre next Friday and Saturday evenings, has been truly remarkable. The pictures are marvels of excellence, and in this connection, the details as to how they were taken are of interest to all classes of people. The amount of film in making the biograph record was contained in forty film boxes, specially made for the purpose—a rather cumbersome affair, necessarily so on account of the enormous amount of film that had to be stored away, namely, 1,385 feet—nearly one-quarter of a mile. This was enough to run steadily for minutes, which time included the round proper, three minutes long and one minute intermission. Inasmuch as the contest went the times of twenty-five rounds, there were in total of 40,625 feet of the negative film consumed; this means 7 2/3 miles. This band of film is 2 1/2 inches wide, and is made of celluloid, as usual, but of a thickness especially adapted for the biograph camera. The total number of pictures on this camera band was 216,000, each picture being 2 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide.

Up to now only the negative film has been mentioned. It must be understood that before an exhibition can be given on the screen, an equal amount of positive film must be printed. For this contest, 26,600 feet, or 6 1/2 miles (also 2 1/2 inches wide), have been printed. The total amount of 2 1/2 inches necessary to be printed and developed before an exhibition could be given, is 14 1/2 miles. Those who have bought an ordinary spool of film for their kodaks—which spool usually contains two pictures, or enough to run the biograph camera less than 1/3 of a second—will realize the cost of the material required.

The electric equipment utilized in illuminating this scene was very expensive, and was carried out in a manner hitherto attempted. Up to the evening of September 30, no moving pictures had been successfully taken by electric light, and the entire scheme was not considered possible by those who pretended to have any knowledge of the subject, and the hopes of the photographic expert were stigmatized as highly fantastic. The photographic value of sunlight has been estimated by scientific men who have investigated this branch of photography as 100,000 candle power at a distance of one hundred feet from the object to be illuminated.

The key to the situation was to be found in the devising of scientifically constructed reflectors, which would throw the well known physical law of the diminution of the force of light as the square of the distance from its source. Condensing lenses and perfect parabolic reflectors were so expensive as to render their use prohibitive. A compromise had to be effected, and a reflector was actually devised and approximately corrected in form, which had the effect of bundling the rays of light from the 400 lamps used, bundling them in such shape as to emerge from the arc in a more or less parallel direction.

The success of the undertaking was made possible also on account of the well known fact that in photography one time for the shadows, letting the lights take care of themselves. In this installation the lamps were so arranged as to kill their own shadows; that is, speaking roughly, what 300 lamps illuminated from the front, 100 lamps illuminated from the back and sides.

As above stated, 400 arc lamps are used in eleven rows, about 36 lamps being included in a row. Each lamp was approximately as powerful as the regulation street lamp, without considering the matter of reflectors at all; not but what they were the most vital portion of the equipment. It will be noted that there was enough light over the 24 foot ring in which the contest took place, to effectually illuminate a city of 50,000 inhabitants.

That the unobtrusive concentration of light was not disturbing or inconvenient to the contestants and to those immediately about the ring, has been universally conceded, and this is a fact to marvel about. The explanation is very simple, and is to be found in the fact that the eye will accommodate itself to intensities of light and darkness in a very few moments, through the action of the opening and closing of the iris. In fact, it is conceded that this event was witnessed by the ten thousand present at the contest, with no more optical pleasure, so to speak, than at any other similar event in the past where a few lights were used to brighten the stage.

It is hardly expected that this method of making moving pictures will be adopted as a matter of everyday occurrence. The expense of installation, including arc lamps, wiring the same (every lamp having its individual cut-out), expert reflector work, carpentry, not to mention the difficulty of obtaining the electric current to feed so many lamps, would no doubt stand in the way of indulging to any extent in the luxury of artificial lighting for moving pictures, when sunlight is so cheap. In this case, about \$6,300 was actually spent on the lighting system for the two hours' run.

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## Party Issues

### May Wait.

First Consideration of Electors  
Should Be Overthrow of One  
Man Government.

Time of Crisis Not One for In-  
novation—The Arguments  
for Partyism.

#### THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Sir: It seems rather fashionable just  
now to air one's views in your news-  
paper upon the political muddle, so I may  
as well be in the swim.

We have the advocates and opponents  
of party lines and appeals to rise above  
them, without any suggestions, however,  
as to how the latter is to be accomplished.  
Meetings have been held in different  
parts of the province endorsing one view  
or the other by irresolute majorities, or  
breaking up after heated controversy,  
without arriving at any conclusion upon  
the vexed question. So the fog grows  
thicker than ever.

It will be admitted, I think, that  
the late Semlin-Cotton crowd made  
themselves as odious as any set of  
men possibly could, and that each and all  
of them are politically dead. Further-  
more, that the late opposition have not  
quite the cohesion that a party is ex-  
pected to possess. So far as an outsider  
can judge, one feeling seems to predom-  
inate just now in the minds of the great  
majority of the Conservatives and Liber-  
als in the province, and that is unquali-  
fied opposition to Mr. Joseph Martin, his  
platform and his so-called government.

When public opinion is so unsettled  
upon the question of party lines it is  
wise for those supporting that policy to en-  
deavor to force it upon those who differ  
from them at a time when united action  
seems required?

I have heard it whispered that as Mr.  
Martin is not the recognized leader of  
the Liberal party, now is the time for  
the Conservatives to take advantage of  
and start the party line business. This  
would no doubt suit the leader of the  
present peculiar government admirably.

It is what he is striving for. But does  
anyone really believe that whilst men  
of all shades of politics will rally to-  
gether to establish a capable, honest gov-  
ernment with a view of preventing in  
the future irresponsible persons ruining  
our business interests and retarding the  
introduction of capital, one single  
vote will be changed when the federal  
elections come round?

If the Liberals as a party endorse Mr.  
Martin as their leader, party lines go  
without saying. If they object to hav-  
ing a leader foisted upon them let them  
elect a leader whom possibly higher heads  
than Mr. Martin's would fall in the  
lot, and we should know where we  
are. At present we have two parties  
interested in provincial issues, not Con-  
servatives and Liberals, but government  
and opposition. Let the issue be fought  
out on these lines. I don't think there  
can be any doubt but that the opposi-  
tion will sweep the so-called government  
out of sight. It will be an easy matter  
then for the opposition to select, by ballot,  
if necessary, a leader and a cabinet who  
can be depended upon to carry on our  
provincial business decently and in order,  
and who would be generally supported dur-  
ing their term of office.

The politics of this country embrace no  
very abstruse problems. All that any  
government can do is to maintain law  
and order and develop our resources in  
an intelligent manner. Whilst some of  
our cities may be more or less prepared  
for party lines it must be remembered  
there are many country districts where  
the people have not been educated up to  
it, and it is now springing upon them  
before they have had time to weigh the con-  
sequences. I do not quite see how any  
success can attend their introduction un-  
less every district is agreeable. Later  
on when the country is ripe for it let us  
have party lines by all means. Mean-  
while, the firm of Joe Martin & Co.,  
with the active co-operation of the Lieut-  
enant-Governor, has thrown down the  
gauntlet to the electorate. Let the peo-  
ple take it up as a people and not as a  
heterogeneous collection of parties with  
half a dozen leaders. Otherwise, after  
the elections chaos will reign afield.

OUTSIDER.

#### FROM BAD TO WORSE.

Sir: I have followed closely the  
march of events in British Columbia  
and the dissertations of the Colonist on  
the constitutionality of the Lieutenant-  
Governor's acts in dismissing two con-  
secutive governments in the short and  
unfortunate term of his administration.  
I do not call in question his technical  
authority to do as he has done, but I do  
call in question the wisdom of such  
proceedings, and His Honor laying the  
position he occupies of an impartial up-  
holder open to attack by jumping into the  
arena as a partizan gladiator. Had he  
maintained the neutral dignity essential  
to a governor under responsible govern-  
ment, he would not have laid himself  
open to suspicion or attack. The  
natural consequence of such ill-advised  
proceedings should be that no gentle-  
man with the smallest self-respect will  
be found to enter a government under  
His Honor. When there are no more  
governments to dismiss, what then? In  
order to keep his hand in and line up  
to preconceived ideas, it would not be  
surprising to find him dismissing him-  
self. Nothing like making a clean

the slightest investigation be found  
fallacious. It may be said they will  
agree on a new leader. There can be  
no doubt that Mr. Turner and all of  
his followers will never consent to en-  
ter the coming campaign under the  
auspices of any member of the late  
government party, and I cannot imagine  
that, after the scandalous and libellous  
manner the latter spoke of Mr. Turner  
and his associates a couple of years  
ago, any of them would follow that  
gentleman or any of his colleagues.

Now is the time to sink the old-time  
personalism, and by running the elec-  
tion on federal lines secure a coalition  
of policy, no matter whom the leaders  
may be. If anyone thinks a coalition  
would work, let him state a cabinet and  
find out if the members could work  
together. Neison and Kootenay en  
masse have paved the way; Vancouver  
has come a good second. Kamloops is  
also in the procession, so let the Capital  
swell the aggregation and human  
possibility only shows one result—an  
overwhelming victory at the polls and  
the restoration of good government.

We have a leader of a party, at  
whom even his enemies cannot hurl  
mud; we have the brains and business  
interests of the province behind us; we  
have the rank and file enthusiastic, no  
matter what some of the self-styled  
leaders may imagine, and the Liberal  
Conservative party will deserve the  
severest reprobation in this city if they  
do not join hands with their Mainland  
confederates and restore responsible, con-  
stitutional government in the province,  
untrammeled by any of the personal  
affiliations which have done so  
much to retard our progress in the  
past, and are also wholly responsible  
for the entrance and rise of Martinism.  
JACKY.

#### MEANS TO SECURE GOOD GOV- ERNMENT.

Sir: The question, By what means  
shall we secure good government,  
is of the utmost importance to  
every person in the province at the  
present time, no matter to  
what class or what party he may  
belong. Many members of the Liberal  
Conservative party believe that it is to  
be brought about by conducting the  
next election on what is briefly called  
"straight party lines," while others be-  
lieve otherwise.

But, sir, let me point out that most  
of those who believe otherwise are  
gentlemen who wish to remain loyal to  
the old "opposition party" so long as  
it remains a party—the party that seems  
to have first claim upon them. I am  
simply one humble member of both par-  
ties, and I have no objection to the  
question asked at the head of this  
letter. I impute no worse motives to  
any persons in this agitation, and I  
wish to tell the Colonist that so far as  
I can ascertain this is the reason for  
the protracted meetings of the Liberal-  
Conservative Association. It is to be  
explored that the Colonist should in-  
sist in one of its leading articles this  
morning that the meetings are ad-  
journing in order to secure a "snap"  
vote by those in favor of party lines.  
This is the true situation of the  
movement was at the request of those  
gentlemen who are against the proposal,  
and the second because none of our  
present representatives in the house  
who are Conservatives had spoken  
upon the resolutions before the meet-  
ing. Surely a hasty decision on the  
subject would be a very grave mistake!  
The gravity of the situation requires  
the most careful consideration.

I honestly believe that every Con-  
servative who has declared for party  
lines is convinced that the best means  
of the province demand it, and because  
he sees no other way out of the present  
chaotic condition of things. This con-  
viction is perhaps based very largely  
upon the fact that there is a concerted  
action on the part of the Liberal-Con-  
servative party on the Mainland to  
use the organization of the party to en-  
deavor to elect their nominees in the  
several constituencies, first to defeat  
Mr. Martin, and secondly to establish a  
government in power that shall have  
a sufficient majority to establish a  
stable and permanent government. It  
is believed to be the duty of the Lib-  
eral-Conservatives of this Island to fall  
in with this plan, so that no obstacle  
shall be placed in the way of the suc-  
cessful consummation of the movement,  
and so that sectionalism shall be for-  
ever done away with. If either the  
Conservatives or the Liberals through-  
out the province are successful, the re-  
sult will be a strong government with  
a strong opposition—the best safeguards  
for a constitutional government. I  
have not yet heard of a single proposal  
to bring any question of Dominion  
party politics into the contest; it is  
simply a movement to use the organi-  
zations of the old-established parties to  
secure the election of gentlemen of  
good business ability chosen from either  
party. They are the least prepared  
or otherwise of the party in power  
at Ottawa of minor importance.

In this connection allow me to state  
that the Liberal and Conservative par-  
ties in England conduct all their elec-  
tional campaigns—namely, parliamentary,  
county (with exception of the London  
county council), town council, poor law  
guardians, and in some districts even  
school boards—upon these lines. At the  
same time you never hear of a question  
affecting a parliamentary election, or a  
county council election, or a town coun-  
cil matter into a poor law guardian  
election. As my father was for sixteen  
consecutive years a member of the town  
council and several times a candidate  
for other offices, and as I was organiz-  
ing secretary of the Conservative party  
for my native city, I know what I am  
talking about.

These, I believe, are the main conten-  
tions of those who favor the introduc-  
tion of party lines here. They also  
point out that in so far as it regards  
Victoria it is not a very great departure  
from past elections. Almost invariably  
the candidates on one side have been  
all or three-fourths Conservatives and  
on the other all or three-fourths Lib-  
erals.

There are, however, at the present  
time many objections urged against this  
course. It would be waste of space  
and time for me to go into these ob-  
jections at any length, considering that  
both the local papers are against the  
movement, although possibly from dif-  
ferent motives. To mention these ob-  
jections briefly, however, they are:  
First and most important is the wish,  
irrespective of party, to defeat the  
present Premier, and this is one of the  
reasons why many Liberal-Conserva-  
tives in this city are slow to carry out  
their convictions for party lines. They  
do not wish to risk a failure in this im-  
portant matter. And, secondly, at the  
last election a most honorable member  
of the Liberal party, along with the  
Conservative members of the legisla-  
ture, was elected, and he has proved  
himself in the house a most loyal mem-  
ber of the opposition. It is said with  
considerable force that it is hardly  
right at this juncture to adopt party  
lines if he and his friends are to be  
sacrificed. At the same time, it must  
be pointed out that many people are  
advocating leaving one of the present

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Meat or Home Made Beef  
Tea. For INVALIDS and  
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absolutely needful.

"Alas! my poor Brother"

Conservative members (no special one,  
perhaps), off the coalition ticket in  
order to bring out another Liberal. This  
latter course is in turn considered most  
unfair by the Conservatives because we  
in Victoria cannot disguise the fact  
that party candidates are being put up  
on the Mainland, and if we run our  
own candidates upon independent lines,  
the Conservative party here should not  
be placed in a worse condition than at  
present.

There is one way out of this difficulty.  
If the Liberal party will assure the  
Conservatives that in case of a conven-  
tion being called to nominate opposition  
candidates, three of them shall be Con-  
servative and one Liberal, the whole  
trouble in so far as this city is con-  
cerned might be solved.

A third objection to the introduction  
of party lines in the coming election is  
the wish that a new British Columbia  
party should be formed to secure good  
business men to stand for election in all  
constituencies. This is certainly a very  
important matter, but is it possible—  
is there room for another party? There  
are at present the Liberal-Conservative  
party, the Liberal party, the Semlin-  
Cotton party, the Martin party, the  
Mine Owners' party, the Opposition  
party and the Labor party. Can you  
fuse any of these parties? Can you  
fuse oil and water? One is just as im-  
possible to unite any of them, in the  
light of the present events, would it be  
possible for them to hang together for  
any length of time? For an answer  
look at the fate of the Semlin-Cotton-  
Martin party. One grave objection to  
the formation of this British Columbia  
party is the fact that there is no move-  
ment towards this end on the Mainland,  
and if such a movement were au-  
thorized here there is not the slightest  
hope that it would receive any support  
on the Mainland; they are not anxious  
to follow the lead of Victoria. If this  
new party did not receive support from  
the Mainland it would be simply an  
Island party, and would be subject to  
the cry of sectionalism again. And  
there are many other aspects of the  
question which it would be impossible  
to take up in this letter.

Surely these questions can be dis-  
cussed and debated without losing one's  
temper and imputing wrong motives to  
anyone. Surely, sir, each person has a  
right to form his own opinions, and it  
is not necessary to refer to people  
who differ from us and are of the  
opposite political party in any  
harsh terms or to misrepresent them  
in any way. We are endeavoring to  
find the best and safest way out of the  
present difficult, chaotic and ruinous  
condition of things, and it is to be  
hoped that every man will come to a  
calm and deliberate decision, uninflu-  
enced by personal or political prejudice.  
HEIBREIT CUTBERT.  
March 18, 1900.

## The Blues in Spring.

Despondent, Melancholic and  
Tired People Are Made  
Active and Strong by

Paine's Celery Compound

Run-down and Half-dead Men  
and Women Obtain Health  
and Strength from the  
Great Medicine.

The blues, despondency and melancholy  
make thousands of lives miserable in  
spring time.

Men and women around us complain of  
tired feelings, nervousness, sleeplessness,  
stagnant circulation and general run-  
down condition.

Though not confined to bed, the condi-  
tion of the thousands of despondent, mel-  
ancholic, sleepless, nervous and run-down  
people is sufficiently alarming to demand  
immediate care and attention. The symp-  
toms and feelings alluded to are the sure  
forerunners of disease and death.

This particular season should be a time  
of cleansing, recuperating and strength-  
ening for run-down and ailing people.  
Paine's Celery Compound will quickly  
banish the blues, despondency and mel-  
ancholia, and tired feelings will give  
way to life, buoyancy and full health.  
It is suicidal for sickly men and wo-  
men to mope around in a half-dead con-  
dition and shut their eyes to the mar-  
velous blessings that are offered by Paine's  
Celery Compound. It is the one great  
medicine in spring time with all classes  
of our population. Try a bottle and see  
how rapidly you get rid of every physical  
humor. Paine's Celery Compound is the  
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address or addresses to the undersigned,  
City Hall.

CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor.  
Victoria, B. C., March 8th, 1900.

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toria, B.C.  
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To the Public of Victoria.

In view of the possible introduction of  
smallpox from the neighboring state of  
Washington, the Provincial Government has  
in contemplation the putting into force of  
"The Regulations of the Provincial Board  
of Health re Smallpox."

These "Regulations" give the Local Board  
of Health power to compel all persons who  
have not been vaccinated within the last  
7 years to be vaccinated. In the opinion  
of the Local Board, the present circum-  
stances do not indicate the enforcing of  
"compulsory vaccination," but for the pur-  
pose of safeguarding the public health the  
Board would earnestly advise all persons  
to whom these "Regulations" would ap-  
ply to be at once vaccinated.

Any one unable to pay will be vaccinated  
free by any physician in Victoria. A supply  
of pure fresh bovine vaccine is now in the  
hands of all the physicians in the city.

I have the honor to be, etc.

R. L. FRASER, M.D.,  
Medical Health Officer.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 31, 1900.

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NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to  
apply to the Board of Licensing Commis-  
sioners for the City of Victoria at their  
meeting to be held on the 13th day of  
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now held by us to sell spirits and fer-  
mented liquors upon the premises known  
as the Belmont Saloon, situate on the cor-  
ner of Government and Humboldt Streets,  
Victoria, from ourselves to Peter Wolf, of  
Victoria.

Dated this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1900.

ALFRED KENDALL,  
By his Attorney in fact,  
C. A. HOLLAND.

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Dated this 13th day of March, 1900.  
THOS. FLEWIN,  
CHAS. FLEWIN,  
JAMES LONGHURST,  
Executors of W. H. Flewin, Deceased.  
Witness:  
J. P. Walls.

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To intending purchasers of land suitable

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through the property, the city water main following the line of Cook  
street. Portion of it lying on the city boundary line has been divided  
into one and five acre blocks, suitable for SUBURBAN HOMES, and  
offers some splendid lots for building, and at the figures we can sell  
at it would PAY YOU TO INVESTIGATE and buy an acre or two,  
instead of one lot in town. The balance has been divided into 8, 10, 12  
and 20 acre pieces SUITABLE FOR FARMING, GARDENING, etc.  
There is a variety of soil to choose from, some of it being as GOOD  
LAND as you could possibly want. The bulk of the land is only  
TWO MILES FROM THE CITY HALL. This is a VERY GREAT  
ADVANTAGE, as you can dispose of your produce to the private con-  
sumer and get the highest market prices. THERE IS MONEY IN  
WORKING a piece of land so situated, as good prices can always be  
obtained off the consumer for milk, butter, eggs, etc. We are offering  
the land at EXCEPTIONALLY LOW FIGURES. After a certain  
proportion is disposed of the PRICES WILL BE RAISED, as the  
owners cannot afford to sell much at the present figures. The  
PRESENT PRICES make quite a consideration to purchasers, and  
if for nothing else you ought to buy it, as it would be a GOOD  
SAFE INVESTMENT. EASY TERMS will be given to those who  
wish it, deferred payments at 6 per cent. Further particulars will be  
willingly given.

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NOTE.—Alum baking powders are low priced, as alum costs but two cents a pound; but alum is a corrosive poison and it renders the baking powder dangerous to use in food.

## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, March 19.—8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

An extensive ocean high barometer area accompanied by fair weather is spreading inland over this province. It is likely to cause several fair, mild days along the coast. Light showers occurred along the coast in advance of the above high area, and east of the Rockies there have been light snowfalls.

### TEMPERATURES.

	Mm.	Max.
Victoria	45	56
Westminster	46	52
Kamloops	32	56
Barkerville	18	54
Calgary	28	42
Winnipeg	2	14
Portland, Ore.	18	58
San Francisco	50	64

### FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time),  
Tuesday:  
Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds; generally fair; not much change in temperature.  
Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds; mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

### VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 18.	Deg.
5 a.m.	50
Noon	49
5 p.m.	50
Lowest	47

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. .... 12 miles south.  
Noon ..... 7 miles south.  
5 p.m. .... Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Barometer at noon—Observed ..... 30.024  
Corrected ..... 30.037

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected ..... 29.98

MONDAY, March 19.	Deg.
5 a.m.	47
Noon	56
5 p.m.	52
Lowest	45

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. .... 8 miles south.  
Noon ..... 3 miles south.  
5 p.m. .... Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.  
Sunshine—18 minutes.  
Barometer at noon—Observed ..... 30.154  
Corrected ..... 30.167

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected ..... 30.20

### CONSIGNEES.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:  
Hutchinson Co. J. H. Todd & Son.  
W. Jameson. H. Warner.  
Hinton & Co. W. L. & Mr. G.  
R. Goldberg. C. P. C. Morris.  
Lenz & Lelser. Weller Bros.  
M. Hickford. J. Pierce & Co.  
S. J. Piles. H. B. Co.  
F. H. Stewart. R. Lettice.  
K. Davis. W. Novelty Wks.  
Johns Bros. E. J. Saunders.  
B. C. Market. R. N. Scott.  
S. Lelser & Co.

By steamer Islander from Vancouver:  
D. Spencer. W. Yuen.  
Turner, B. & Co. S. Lelser.  
W. Jameson. G. O. Hinton & Co.  
Green & Smith. C. P. C. Morris.  
R. Goldberg. Kim Fook Yuen.  
J. Pierce & Co. G. A. Richardson.  
S. J. Piles. Jno. Weston.  
F. H. Stewart. Hy. Young & Co.  
K. Davis. Pither & Lelser.  
Johns Bros. Dom. Ex. Co.  
B. C. Market. T. G. Mason.

By steamer Louise from Westminster:  
Hutchinson Co. Hing Bros.  
Lenz & Lelser. Sumner & Co.  
D. Spencer. Jno. Weston.  
Turner, B. & Co. B. C. Job. Co.  
W. Jameson. S. H. Reid.  
J. Pierce & Co. M. Marks.  
S. J. Piles. Young & Co.  
F. H. Stewart. Ames Holden & Co.  
K. Davis. Vic. B. & S. Co.

Attend the Exhibition of Spring Millinery at the White House to-day.

## The Deficiency Too Great.

Sorby Harbor Scheme Committee Decline to Endorse Financial Basis.

Difference of Thirty-One Thousand Dollars in Figures Submitted.

The report of the sub-committee having shown that there was a deficiency of \$31,000 at least in the amount of revenue to be derived, the general committee on the investigation of the Sorby harbor scheme yesterday refused to endorse the financial basis as far as the revenue was concerned, but they recommended that \$1,000 be spent by the city to bore the harbor. There were present Mayor Hayward in the chair, and Ald. Brydon, Yates and Kinsman, and Messrs. Shallcross, C. A. Holland, Pemberton, C. F. Todd, Forman, G. H. Burns, T. B. Hall and Capt. Cox.

Ald. Yates having drawn attention to the fact that Mr. Shallcross, who was not a member, was present, that gentleman and Ald. Kinsman withdrew. The report of the sub-committee and Mr. Sorby's reply, which were read at last week's meeting of the city council, were read and laid on the table, and the following report of the real estate committee was read.

Victoria, March 19th, 1900.  
The Chairman Sorby Harbor Investigating Committee, Victoria, B.C.  
Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. J. Dowler stating that you hope that you will soon receive a joint report from the sub-committee on real estate and revenue, and he in the same letter refers us to a letter from Mr. Sorby bearing upon our last report.

We have been unable to meet the committee on revenue and we submit that as the point raised has been cleared, viz., that both committees were relying upon revenue derived from wharves, it is not necessary that we should consider the details which are specially set aside for the consideration of the committee on revenue.

With regard to Mr. Sorby's criticism of our report, it is not necessary to enter into a lengthy discussion with him on the matter. We were appointed to report upon certain facts, which we have done; and we will deal with only a few points in Mr. Sorby's letter. He believes that we did not make allowance for the fact that the rates named in his schedule are gross. Our estimate is gross also, and equally liable to taxes, etc.

guarantee this huge sum on any terms whatever.

But we cannot lay too much stress on one particular feature in Mr. Sorby's letter of the 12th. In the last paragraph he appears to have changed the whole of his plans. We have hitherto been considering a scheme involving the purchase of land, the deepening of the harbor and the construction of "broad stone wharves and other facilities," at a cost of about \$5,400,000, according to Mr. Sorby's estimate. The purchase of the land alone was to absorb \$2,100,000.

Mr. Sorby now proposes to borrow \$2,500,000, and then when the land has been acquired and the harbor board formed, and not till then, shall there be any talk of deepening the harbor and constructing wharves. Why has this sudden change of plan taken place? We cannot believe that the federal government would advance \$2,500,000 "on account," when the ultimate expenditure is absolutely unknown.

After the Dominion has advanced or guaranteed the payment of \$2,500,000, we have still no certainty that the scheme of improving the harbor will be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. HOLLAND,  
C. F. TODD,  
JAMES FORMAN,  
Sub-committee on Real Estate.

This having been laid on the table for consideration, the latest report of the revenue committee was read as follows:  
Victoria, 15th March, 1900.

To the Chairman of Sorby Harbor Improvement Committee.  
Dear Sir: With reference to our report dated April 10th, 1899, referred back to us for reconsideration, and our statements that "these various quantities are, we believe, well within the amounts actually passing over the wharves," more recent information leads us to the conclusion that the gross freight referred to in the first item would not be less than 135,000 tons. To this has still to be added, as before stated by us, "quantities of freight landed which we cannot definitely state, as, for instance, fruit, vegetables, local merchandise," including lime, building stone, granite, etc. Regarding the wharfage rate which we before averaged at fifty cents per ton, Mr. Sorby has laid before us statistics of parcels received and of wharfage actually paid thereon, attested by 33 of our leading importers, of which we had no previous knowledge. It would be impossible for us to deal with all these figures; we should require to take expert evidence, entailing many weeks' labor and great expense, but it is clearly demonstrated that the actual sum paid for wharfage is considerably in excess of our former figure. To the best of our judgment, Mr. Sorby's estimate of revenue appears fair and reasonable.

We are, gentlemen, yours obediently,  
E. H. BURNS,  
THOS. B. HALL,  
JOHN G. COX,  
Revenue Committee.

This also was laid on the table, and the old discussion on revenue and tonnage was resumed. Finally Ald. Yates moved that in view of the sub-committee having reported that there was a deficiency of at least \$31,000 in the revenue to be derived, this committee cannot at present endorse the financial basis of the Sorby harbor scheme, as far as the question of revenue is concerned.

This having carried, a motion was passed suggesting to the council that the committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to make the borings.

The following letter from Mr. Shallcross was read:  
March 19, 1900.  
Chas. Hayward, Esq., Chairman Sorby Harbor Improvement Committee.  
Dear Sir: I was present at the meeting of your committee this morning in response to your written invitation, but of course I take not the slightest exception to the desire of the majority of the committee to withdraw that invitation.

cents, but this does not give the average rate paid on the goods.

In a later letter, Mr. Sorby states that these returns cover a period of two months and in that case 33 "leading importers" imported at the rate of 2,740 tons per annum, a very small proportion of Mr. Sorby's estimate of total imports amounting to 140,000 tons per annum.

Mr. Sorby estimates the inner wharf tonnage at 50,000 tons—exceeding the estimate of the committee on tonnage by 10,000 tons.

The committee on tonnage arrived at the total tonnage by taking the receipts, as given to them, and then extending these at the rate of 50 cents per ton. If they had extended them at 70 cents or 80 cents per ton, the tonnage obtained would have been proportionately less. By turning the figures upside down in this way, Mr. Sorby obtains a return from the outer and inner wharves of over \$65,000 instead of \$44,000.

Private Wharves.—Mr. Sorby estimates the goods landed on these wharves at 21,000, accepting the return of the committee on tonnage. I learn on undoubted authority that the goods on one wharf, estimated at 12,000 tons per annum, amounted last year to only 3,500 tons.

Mr. Sorby estimates the quantity of parcels handled at Victoria at 10,000 tons per annum. I am informed that the total weight of express matter received and shipped from Victoria does not exceed 500 tons per annum.

In any case the returns from express matter are included in the gross returns of the inner and outer wharves already estimated at \$44,000.

Lumber.—In the estimate of lumber, as made by the committee, is included 9,000,000 feet, which is shipped into Victoria by rail. Wharfage can hardly be collected on this item.

Cordwood.—One handler on cordwood whose wharf is estimated in the returns to receive 3,000 cords per annum, informs me that last year he only received 400 cords, and that he never received so many as 3,000 cords in one year.

Sealskins.—Mr. Sorby estimates a wharfage of 25 cents per skin. The present wharfage is 1/4 cent per skin, and this wharfage is already included in the estimates of returns from wharves.

The rates charged by private wharves on hay are 25 cents per ton; oats, 25 cents per ton; clay, 10 cents, etc. I give these rates on the authority of the owner of wharves. Mr. Sorby estimates the revenue to be derived at 50 cents per ton.

Mr. Sorby estimates 10,000 tons from local trade, consisting of hay, building stone, lime, etc. Most of these items are included in the returns from private wharves.

Mr. Sorby proposes to give Messrs. Brackman & Ker a rate of 10 cents. How can other traders, handling the same goods as Messrs. Brackman & Ker, be expected to pay 50 cents per ton?

It can easily be shown by the obvious errors and miscalculations which I have pointed out, that Mr. Sorby has over-estimated his revenue at least \$45,000, and a close examination of his figures may increase this discrepancy.

In any event the present revenue cannot exceed \$108,000, instead of \$153,000, as stated by Mr. Sorby.

The interest on \$4,500,000 at 3 per cent. is \$135,000.

I remain, yours faithfully,  
J. J. SHALLCROSS.

### MISSION HALL.

Work to be Carried on by New Branch of W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is extending its borders a second branch of this society has been organized in the northern part of the city, and is called the Willard W. C. T. U. The efforts of the Central W. C. T. U. and this new branch will not in any way overlap, each sister society having its own sphere of work. The Willard W. C. T. U. are entering heartily into the education of the children by organizing a Local Legion. They are also arranging to hold mothers' meetings, believing that true temperance sentiment should begin in the home. They are also planning to have a mission hall, which they expect to start on Johnson street during this week. In connection with this hall there will be a coffee counter, at which hot tea and coffee with light refreshments can be secured at any time during the day or evening. There will also be a reading-room, supplied with the latest newspapers and magazines, and games for those who may desire recreation. The committee purpose holding a song and exchange service every Sunday evening at half past eight, and also hope to arrange for a Saturday evening concert. The ladies have been successful in securing the services of Mrs. Spofford, who is eminently qualified to take charge of the work.

A large number of friends have already given generously that this work might be made a possibility. It will, however, require considerable to furnish the rooms as well as carry on the work. As statistics of parcels received and of wharfage actually paid thereon, attested by 33 of our leading importers, of which we had no previous knowledge. It would be impossible for us to deal with all these figures; we should require to take expert evidence, entailing many weeks' labor and great expense, but it is clearly demonstrated that the actual sum paid for wharfage is considerably in excess of our former figure. To the best of our judgment, Mr. Sorby's estimate of revenue appears fair and reasonable.

### BAND CONCERTS.

Season Tickets Will Not Be Good After Saturday Next.

Next Saturday evening's band concert at the Drill hall will be the last one at which season tickets will be accepted. It was the original intention to play but twelve concerts, ending March 24, but owing to the immense success of this series it has been decided to continue the concerts until April 28, for which season tickets will not be issued. Bandmaster Finn will continue to book meritorious attractions. The great attraction for next Saturday evening's concert is the game of basketball between the Y.M.C.A. team of Seattle and the J.B.A.A. team of this city, for a silver cup and the championship of the Pacific Northwest. These clubs are playing a series of four games for the above trophy. Three games, or four, already been played, one here during the Queen's Birthday celebration last year, the other two at Seattle, July 4th and Washington's birthday, February 22. The game next Saturday is the final of this series. The James Bays attend four points behind at the present time, so it is reasonable to expect a battle royal next Saturday, so that the cup will remain in Victoria.

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Government street from Yates street to Courtney is already double-tracked, and the portion of the system to be dealt with in a similar manner is from Menzies street to Courtney and from Yates street to the city hall—this giving a reach of two lines from the latter point to Menzies street.

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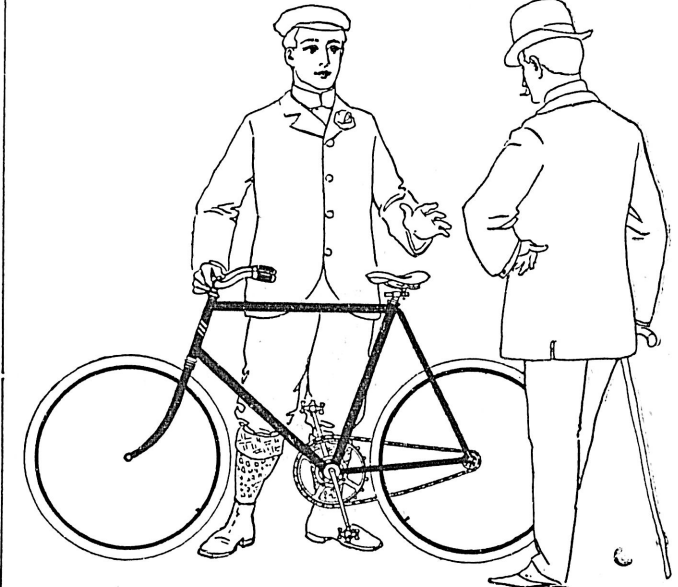
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